



***God's Covenant  
Faithfulness:  
In Season and Out of  
Season***

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*Called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ:  
Inwardly Strong  
and  
Outwardly Focused.*

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JANUARY 14, 2024  
8:00 AM  
KERR CHAPEL

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa  
Born by grace in 1885*

# ***Second Sunday after Epiphany***

*8:00 a.m., Kerr Chapel*

## **The Words of Preparation**

The healthy Christian is not necessarily the extrovert, ebullient Christian, but the Christian who has a sense of God's presence stamped deep on his soul, who trembles at God's word, who lets it dwell in him richly by constant meditation upon it, and who tests and reforms his life daily in response to it. J. I. Packer

## **The Welcome**

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

*(Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register.)*

## **The Introit**

Consecration

John Ness Beck

*Gretchen Bashforth, soloist*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let it sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

## **◆ The Call to Worship**

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

**Praise him in his mighty heavens!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**Praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound;

**Praise him with lute and harp!**

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

**Praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
**Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!  
**Praise the Lord!**

- ◆ **The Opening Hymn** 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN
- ◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Elder Jaclyn Metcalf

**The First Reading** 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

**The Prayer of Confession** Rev. Julia Metcalf

Most holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, we pray, and help us to live in your light, and to walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior...*(in silence)*

**The Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel, that in Jesus Christ there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name!  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

- ◆ **The Passing of the Peace**  
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

- ◆ **The Response of Gratitude** The Doxology  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

## ◆ **The Affirmation of Faith**                      The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

## **The Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **The Offering**                                      It is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul) it is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

#### **The Gospel Reading**                                      Exodus 13

## The Sermon

God's Presence

*And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. (Exodus 13:21)*

## The Celebration of Communion

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Blessing

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

## The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Closing Hymn** 260      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God      EIN' FESTE BURG

## ◆ The Charge and Benediction

**The Postlude**      Voluntary on the tune EIN FESTE BURG      Friedrich Marpurg

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**Greetings in Christ!** We are so glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. We are a community that seeks to lift high the name of Jesus and to serve the common good. If you are here for the first time, we pray that you will sense the presence of Christ and the warmth of this congregation.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you! Please contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org)). For general information, you can follow the QR code.



## Parish Register

**Prayers for Healing:** Jane Azlin, Adelle Beathe, Joy Brewer, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Randy Corelli, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Judah DeSpain, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Elaine Horkey, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Judith Land,

Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, Jim Miller, Elsie Osterholt, Shari Postier, Lyle Proffitt, Bob Pyle, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Jo Carolyn Rushing, Cyndi Russell, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Larry Tromp, Marcia Tromp, Susan Waldie and Dayne Weierbach.

## Worship Notes

**Services are broadcast** on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or *FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube*.

**Please notify the church** if you have a pastoral need, change of address, phone number or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or *kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

**For those who need hearing assistance** in the Sanctuary or Stephenson Hall, audio headsets are available from the ushers. Also available are large-print hymnals and Bibles.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today:** Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack and June Cease by Terry and Cindy DeVore.

**Our *Letter of Blessing* today goes to** Larry Tromp.

**Thank you for your faithful support** of the ministries of First Church! Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at *firstchurchtulsa.org*, text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code below.



## First Church Updates

**We are wrapping up Stewardship Season!** If you have not already, please turn in your pledge for 2024! Thank you for taking the local church seriously and giving of your very best to the Lord Jesus Christ. In this transition time, your support in prayer and giving is vital.

**Pastoral Prayer** – Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. If you're interested in receiving a weekly prayer prompt, please text *@pastorfp* to "81010".

**Young Adults** – First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Facebook, Instagram at *@fpcyoungadults* or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

**Internship Opportunity** – Are you a college student who loves God and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program. Contact Steve Wilson at *swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org* for more information.

### **Events This Week**

**The January Series** – Begins tomorrow, January 15 (every weekday) through February 2 at 11:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. Lunch begins at 11:15 a.m. and the cost is \$7. To make reservations for lunch, please go to the First Church Tulsa webpage.

**Heart for the Lord** – Women's Bible study begins on Thursday, January 18 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Kirkland Library in the Bernsen.

**Chili Cook-Off** – Join us after the 11:00 service on Sunday, January 21, for the Annual Chili Cook-Off to benefit activities and needs at Anderson Elementary School.

## **Wednesday Night Downtown**

*Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall*

*Classes at 6:15 p.m.*

**Tolkien and the Christian Life** – What does Middle Earth have to do with Jesus? Join Rev. Dan Hutchinson for an exploration into the biblical and theological themes (sovereignty, nature of good and evil, creation and restoration, home, the work of Christ, etc.) that arise from the world and writings of J.R.R. Tolkien. No prior knowledge of *Lord of the Rings* is required! Starts on January 17 and ends on February 7.

**How To Read the Bible (Hermeneutics)** – Learning to study, understand, and embrace the Word of God is an essential adventure for every follower of Jesus Christ. John Shelton teaches an inductive methodology that emphasizes studying books of the Bible as wholes and context. Students will gain confidence to approach all genres of scripture and to see the plain meaning of the text; the class meets in room E100.

**From Surviving to Thriving In Your Relationship** – Join Rev. James Estes and Dr. Tom Philp in room E103 for a four-week exploration of four core characteristics of a thriving marriage. Every week will include biblical and theological reflection, robustly validated relational insights, and weekly “marriage hacks” to help move any relationship from surviving to thriving.

**Seekers Bible Study** – Rev. Wambugu Gachungi leads an in-depth study of the Sunday morning sermon scriptures. Come and enjoy praying together, studying the Bible, and engaging in lively questions and discussions.



## Mark Your Calendar

**Inquirers Class** – Join us on Sundays, January 21, 28 and February 4, 11 in the Miller Library from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Scan the QR code below.



**Parenting Brown Bag Book Discussion** – February 8, 25, March 7, 28, April 11, 25, and May 9 - Bring your lunch and discuss with other parents *Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine* by Michele Borba. Learn the answers to questions such as: Is my child struggling or thriving? What is the difference between a “striver” and a “thrivers” mindset? And many more. Led by Sarah Savage, Director of Children’s Ministries in room E100 from 11:30 am. to 1:00 p.m.

### Mark Your Calendars with these events:

Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11	Inquirers Class
January 21	Annual Chili Cook-Off
January 18	Heart for the Lord- Women’s Bible study

## COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

### TODAY 1/14

8:00 am      Worship: Kerr Chapel  
 8:30 am      Worship: Stephenson Hall  
 11:00 am     Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall  
 9:30 am      Adult Sunday School Hour

### Monday 1/15

10:00 am     Little Lambs, Wiseman Hall  
 11:30 am     January Series, Stephenson Hall

### Tuesday 1/16

9:30 am      Precepts Bible Study, E100  
 7:00 am      Men's Bible Study, E313  
 11:30 am     January Series, Stephenson Hall

### Wednesday 1/17

11:30 am     January Series, Stephenson Hall  
 5:15 pm      Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall  
 6:00 pm      Awana, POW, Amass Exodus  
 6:15 pm      Mission Study Team – Informational Forum, Stephenson Hall

### Thursday 1/18

9:30 am      Hearts for the Lord Bible Study, KRC  
 11:30 am     January Series, Stephenson Hall

### Friday 1/18

9:30 am      Hearts for the Lord Bible Study, KRC  
 11:30 am     January Series, Stephenson Hall

### Saturday 1/20

8:30 am      Before the Rooster Crows, E103

### Adult Sunday School Classes for **NEXT Sunday, 1/21** at 9:30 a.m.

<i>Cornerstone</i>	The Story	E102
<i>Covenanters</i>	Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation	E101
<i>Faith and Family</i>	14 Talks by Age 14	Prayer Room
<i>Forum</i>	Who is This Man", John Ortberg	E200
<i>Foundations</i>	Romans	E104
<i>Harbingers</i>	The Reason for God", Timothy Keller	E202
<i>Morning Glory</i>	Prayer and Fasting	B318
<i>Reflections</i>	The Tabernacle	E103
<i>Shepherds</i>	Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up	E203
<i>Sojourners</i>	Soul Keeping, John Ortberg	E204
<i>The Vine</i>	Bible Study	E100
<i>Westminster</i>	Who Is This Man, John Ortberg	Tower Room
<i>Young Adults/Ukirk</i>	Discovery Bible Study	E201
<i>Youna Parents</i>	Guest Speaker	E205